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CHONA'S REPORT

1. SUMMARY: IN A FOUR HOUR SESSION MARK CHONA SPELLED OUT THE SUPPORTING FRAMEWORK OF A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. THE FRAMEWORK COVERS THE JUDICIARY, PUBLIC SERVICE, ECONOMY AND SECURITY FORCES AND AN AMNESTY. WHILE IT FOLLOWS ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRESENTATIONS WHICH CHONA HAS MADE IN THE PAST TO ME, AMBASSADOR REINHARDT AND THE SECRETARY, IT IS MORE RESTRICTED. THE VIEWS WHICH CHONA EXPRESSED HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH NKOMO, MUGABE AND OTHER FRONT LINE OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THE MOZAMBICANS. THEY ARE, IN CHONA'S WORDS, "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL VIEWS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT" AND REPRESENT WHAT NKOMO AND MUGABE "THINK THEY CAN SELL TO ZIPA AS WELL AS WHAT THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS "CAN SUPPORT AND SELL TO THE OAU." END SUMMARY

2. IN A MEETING WHICH LASTED FOR JUST OVER FOUR HOURS, CHONA AND KAMANA PRESENTED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THE SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. REFERRING TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY, CHONA SAID THAT HE SPOKE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM KAUNDA IN SAYING THAT THE ZAMBIANS FELT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
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US AND THEM WERE ON A MUCH HEALTHIER BASIS AS A RESULT

OF THE EXCHANGES DURING THE PAST WEEKEND. AS A RESULT OF THE "NEW AND CLEARER ATMOSPHERE," CHONA HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES WHICH WILL MAKE A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT EASIER AND HAS WORKED HARD TO INSURE THAT HIS PRESENTATION IS CREDIBLE. HE DID SO WITH MUCH GREATER CONFIDENCE SINCE HIS PRESIDENT HAD TOLD HIM THAT, IN KAUNDA'S VIEW, AND BECAUSE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIMSELF ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, KAUNDA'S TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN US HAS BEEN FULLY RESTORED.

3. UPON RETURNING TO GENEVA THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 13, CHONA IMMEDIATELY MET MUGABE. HE HAS SINCE SEEN THE MOZAMBICANS AND NKOMO. HE MAY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SALIM AS WELL. CHONA GIVE ME NO REASON TO BELIEVE HIS THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE BRITISH. HE WILL BE IN LONDON FROM DEC 15-17 AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO SUSAKA. CHONA WILL BE TIED UP WITH THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL JAN 8. SINCE IVOR RICHARD WILL BE VISITING THE AREA AT THAT TIME, CHONA DOUBTS THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO WASHINGTON.

4. WITH RESPECT TO MUGABE AND NKOMO, CHONA UNDERSTANDS BOTH MEN ARE READY TO BRING THEIR DELEGATIONS BACK TO GENEVA. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON WHAT THE BRITISH PROPOSE DURING THE RECESS AND ON THE STATE OF THE WAR. KEMANA JOINED CHONA IN SAYING THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE RECEIVING INCREASED INTELLIGENCE ABOUT THE IMMINENCE OF RHODESIAN ATTACKS INTO ZAMBIA, PROBABLY IN THE AREA OF KAZUNGULU. THEY URGED THAT WE USE OUR INFLUENCE TO RESTRIAN THE RHODESIAN MILITARY BUT KAMANA SAID THAT IF ATTACKED, ZAMBIA WOULD REPLY "STRONGLY."

5. TURNING TO THE FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR REINHARDT, ME AND THE SECRETARY, CHONA BEGAN BY MAKING GENERAL POINTS. IF POWER IS LOOKED AT IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE AFRICANS, DURING TRANSITION, WILL ONLY EXERCISE ABOUT 20 PERCENT. THE "NUTS AND BOLTS" OF EVERYDAY LIFE WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER TIGHT EUROPEAN CONTROL AND THE COUNCIL OF MINIS-

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TERS, WHICH REPRESENT THE AFRICAN PERCENTAGE OF POWER, WILL BE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH MAKING SURE THE TRANSITION PROCEEDS RAPIDLY AND SMOOTHLY THAT THEY WILL HAVE NO TIME TO ENGAGE IN ANY THOROUGH GOING REFORM OF THE RHODESIAN SYSTEM. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, CHONA POINTED OUT, DID NOT BELIEVE THAT IT HAD TO MAKE THIS POINT EXPLICITLY, BUT NOW REALIZE THAT IT MUST IF THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE US AND GREAT BRITAIN ARE TO BE USED.

6. THE JUDICIARY. THE STRUCTURE AND PERSONNEL OF THE RHODESIAN JUDICIARY WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED DURING TRANSITION AND FOR A LONG TIME THEREAFTER. THE NATIONALISTS WILL ONLY SEEK TO REPLACE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE IS A POLITICAL APPOINTEE AND OUGHT TO BE REPLACED BY A CHIEF JUSTICE WHO IS LOYAL "TO THE CROWN" AND THROUGH WHOM OTHER JUDGES CAN SWEAR A NEW OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. THE FRONT WOULD PREFER THE BRITISH APPOINT A CHIEF JUSTICE. IT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A CHIEF JUSTICE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH AND WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEING TO SOME RHODESIAN CHIEF JUSTICE WHO HAD NO CLEAR POLITICAL TIES WITH THE RHODESIA FRONT.

7. THE PUBLIC SERVICE. THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET (THIS POSITION IS PRESENTLY HELD BY JACK GAYLARD). UNDER THE BRITISH SYSTEM, THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET DRAWS UP THE CABINET AGENDA AND KEEPS THE NOTES; HE COORDINATES THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MAKES SURE THAT EACH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT OPERATES WITHIN CABINET GUIDELINES. THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET IS THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE. IN VIEW OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THIS INDIVIDUAL MUST BE SOMEONE ABLE TO MANAGE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM AND INSURE SMOOTH TRANSITION. HE WOULD BE REPLACED, UNDER THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S PROPOSAL, BY A NEW INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BE CALLED SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE FRONT HAS TWO OPTIONS IN MIND. FIRST, IT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR AND EXPERIENCED CIVIL SERVANT, PROBABLY A
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EUROPEAN. ALTERNATIVELY, THE FRONT WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF THE CABINET WITH AN AFRICAN WHO COULD BEGIN TO LEARN THE SKILLS OF THE TRADE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE AS SECRETARY UNDER AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE RHODESIAN LEGISLATURE WOULD BE DISSOLVED, THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY WOULD ALSO BE ABOLISHED.

8. RECRUITMENT FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME SKILL CRITERIA WHICH CURRENTLY PERTAINS IN RHODESIA. AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPECT THAT JOB RESERVATION BASED ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WOULD BE ABOLISHED. PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES WOULD BE PAID AND HONORED DURING THE LIFE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT

AND PROBABLY THEREAFTER. CHONA POINTED OUT THAT NO FORMER BRITISH COLONY HAS WITHHELD PAYMENT OF PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES, BUT HE SAID THAT GIVEN RHODESIA'S UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL THOUGHT WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF PAYING THE PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WORKED UNDER AN ILLEGAL REGIME. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUE WAS A MANAGEABLE ONE AND THAT THE ODDS WERE IN FAVOR OF MAJORITY RULE GOVERNMENT HONORING THE COMMITMENTS OF ITS PREDECESSORS.

9. THE ECONOMY. CHONA SAID THAT HE HAD INVESTIGATED CAREFULLY WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE ECONOMY. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE ECONOMY WOULD REMAIN IN EUROPEAN HANDS DURING TRANSITION AND FOR A LONG PERIOD THEREAFTER. DURING TRANSITION, CHONA REITERATED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TOO BUSY TO ALTER RHODESIA'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WHILE HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE RHETORICAL POSITIONS WHICH AFRICAN MINISTERS WOULD TAKE, HE HAD URGED AND BELIEVED THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO SUGGEST TRANSITION BE USED AS A PERIOD FOR PLANNING RATHER THAN ACTION. REFERRING TO MUGABE, CHONA SAID THAT DURING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THE ZANU LEADER HAD NEVER GONE BEYOND THE POINT OF SAYING "SOME PEOPLE WILL LOST SOME LAND." DURING HIS MEETING WITH CHONA YESTERDAY, MUGABE TOLD CHONA THAT
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CHANGES IN LAND TENURE WOULD HAVE BE PLANNED VERY CAREFULLY AND THE WORK COULD NOT BE DONE DURING TRANSITION. PROSPECTS FOR WHITE ECONOMIC SECURITY WOULD BE IMPROVED IF EUROPEANS EXERCISED RESTRAINT DURING TRANSITION, MUGABE SAID.

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10. THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL SERVICE AND MINING SECTORS WOULD NOT BE TOUCHED DURING TRANSITION. IF EUROPEANS STAYED IN PLACE, CHONA FELT THAT REAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR FIVE TO TEN YEARS. FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD BE WELCOMED AND THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE TAX STRUCTURE. CHONA ADDED THAT IF A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO NKOMO AND MUGABE, HE HAD ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE THAT NO "MARXIST SYSTEM" WOULD BE IMPOSED ON RHODESIA. HE WOULD NOT GUARANTEE THE SAME TERMS IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BROKE DOWN AND VIOLENCE LED TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. "IN THE 10 YEARS I HAVE IN MIND, I BELIEVE THAT MARXISM WILL HAVE RUN ITS COURSE IN AFRICA AND WE WILL BE OUT OF THE WOODS", SAID CHONA.

11. POLICE AND PRISONS. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD EXPECT THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND HIS DEPUTY WOULD BE CHANGED. THEY COULD BE REPLACED BY A MORE JUNIOR RHODESIAN POLICE OFFICIAL, AN ENGLISHMAN OR A COMMONWEALTH POLICE OFFICER. CHONA FELT THAT THE BRITISH COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DECIDING HOW THE POLICE WERE COMMANDED. IF THE BRITISH MOVED QUICKLY AND ARRANGED FOR THE RETIREMENT AND PENSION OF THE PRESENT COMMISSIONER AND HIS DEPUTY AND REPLACED HIM WITH A JUNIOR OFFICIAL, THEY WOULD BUILD GREAT
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CONFIDENCE WITH THE NATIONALISTS. THERE IS VALUE, CHONA SAID, IN PREEMPTING A NATIONALIST REQUEST IN THE FIELD OF POLICE COMMAND AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN THIS MATTER. HE ADDED THAT THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT CHANGE IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE, THE HEAD OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE FLOWER AND THE SPECIAL BRANCH MIGHT HAVE TO BE REPLACED, BUT AN INDIVIDUAL LIKE DEREK ROBINSON COULD BE RETAINED. "YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THE BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE SYSTEMS ARE DIFFERENT. MANY FORMER BRITISH COLONIES HAVE RETAINED POLICE AND

INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS LONG AFTER INDEPENDENCE" CHONA REMARKED.

12. THE ARMED FORCES. WITH REGARD TO THE RHODESIAN ARMY, CHONA WAS ONLY PREPARED TO INDICATE A GENERAL LINE OF THINKING. DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL UNDERWAY, HE SAID, AND HE HOPED TO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS FOR ME IN LONDON. THE TOP COMMAND OF THE ARMY WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED. I ASKED CHONA WHAT HE MEANT BY TOP COMMAND AND HE WAS ELUSIVE. AT A MINIMUM, TOP COMMAND APPEARS TO MEAN THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE GENERAL STAFF. IT MAY MEAN CERTAIN UNIT COMMANDERS, IN ADDITION.

13. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD INSIST THAT THE SELOUS SCOUT FORCES BE DISBANDED. AT THE TIME OF CEASEFIRE, THE SCOUTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO CAMP AND GRADUALLY DEMOBOLIZED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. IT WOULD, IN CHONA'S JUDGMENT, BE POSSIBLE TO PARDON THIS UNIT, ITS OFFICERS AND TROOPS AS A PART OF A GENERAL AMNESTY. THE "TOP COMMAND" OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY COULD BE REPLACED BY A BRITISH OR MIXED BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GENERAL STAFF. THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER SENIOR OFFICER WOULD ALSO BE CHANGED.

14. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, CHONA MADE FOUR POINTS. FIRST, SCHOOL AGE OR SCHOOL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WOULD BE ORGANIZED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL. SECOND, REFUGEES WHO HAD JOINED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD BE DISARMED AND ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO THEIR VILLAGES. CLEARLY, CHONA ADVISED, IT
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WAS IMPORTANT TO MOVE RAPIDLY. AFTER FEBRUARY WHEN THE RAINY SEASON IS AT ITS HEIGHT, THE SITUATION WILL BE HARDER TO CONTROL SINCE MANY MORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD BE IN RHODESIA AND OUT OF THE RANGE OF COMMAND.

15. THIRD THE BULK OF THE FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND HARD CORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE RHODESIA DURING TRANSITION. THERE WERE SEVERAL REASONS FOR THIS, CHONA SAID. ONE THE ONE HAND, THE RETURN OF LARGE NUMBERS OF HARD CORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD TERRIFY THE EUROPEAN POPULATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, NKOMO AND MUGABE DO NOT WANT TO RUN THE RISK OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY CAPTURING THEIR MOST EFFECTIVE MILITARY UNITS. THESE UNITS WOULD GO INTO TRAINING IN FRONT LINE COUNTRIES AND BE DRILLED INTO A CONVENTIONAL MILITARY SYSTEM. ASSUMING THAT A BATTALION REPRESENTS ABOUT 1200 MEN, ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA WOULD TAKE A BATTALION EACH AND MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE READY TO TAKE

OTHERS. FOURTH, A SMALLER GROUP OF HARD CORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD RETURN TO RHODESIA AT THE OUTSET OF TRANSITION. THEIR NUMBERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BUT THEY WOULD BE A MATURE AND HIGHLY SELECTED GROUP. SOME WOULD SERVE AS "BODYGUARDS" TO THE NATIONALIST POLITICAL LEADERS. OTHERS WOULD SERVE AS POLICE OR MEMBERS OF JOINT PATROLS IN THE VOLATILE AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS IN SALISBURY AND BULAWAYO. STILL OTHERS WOULD SERVE AS "TUINEA PIGS" IN THE INTEGRATION OF RHODESIA'S REGULAR ARMED FORCES. CHONA SAID THESE THOUGHTS WERE PRELIMINARY AND HE WOULD NEED TO VERIFY THE DETAILS.

16. AMNESTY. AS THE PRICE OF A SETTLEMENT, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD EXPECT A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, DETAINEES AND RESTRICTEES. IT WOULD ALSO EXPECT THE LIFTING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE DISMANTLING OF RESTRICTED VILLAGES AND THE COMMUTING OF DEATH SENTENCES FOR ANYONE ACCUSED OF A POLITICAL CRIME. IN RETURN, SMITH CAN ASK FOR GUARANTEES THAT NONE OF HIS OFFICERS OR MEN BE PROSECUTED BY THE AFRICAN MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONALISTS WILL BE RESPONSIVE. IN THE EVENT THERE ARE BORDERLINE CASES - PART CRIMINAL, PART POLITICAL, -
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THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PROPOSES THAT THE JUDGES SERVING ON THE PRESENT REVIEW TRIBUNAL BE ROTATED AND A NEWLY-CONSTITUTED COURT MAKE DECISIONS.

17 THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT EXPECTS THAT THE BRITISH PLAN TO BRING TO RHODESIA A SMALL STAFF OF 30 OR SO INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER. IN THIS WAY, HE WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON SMITH'S SYSTEM. THE FRONT WOULD ALSO COUNT ON THE BRITISH BRINGING OFFICERS, RETIRED OR ACTIVE, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

18. I ASKED CHONA WHAT STANDING THE VIEWS HE HAD OUTLINED HAVE WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE. CHONA SAID THAT HIS PRESENTATION IS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL VIEWS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND REPRESENTS WHAT THEY THINK THEY CAN SELL TO ZIP AND WHAT THE PRESIDENTS CAN SUPPORT AND SELL TO THE OAU." HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD PRESENTED HIS OUTLINE TO NKOMO AND ASKED HIM IF IT ACCURATELY REPRESENTED HIS VIEWS. NKOMO SAID THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. MUGABE, ACCORDING TO CHONA, SAID THAT HE REGRETTED WHITE POWER WAS SO STRONG THAT LITTLE CHANGE WAS POSSIBLE BUT THE VIEWS CHONA HAD OUTLINED WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS OWN.

IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD BEEN GIVEN A NEGOTIATING POSITION, KAMANA SAID "THERE IS LITTLE ELBOW ROOM." CHONA URGED ME TO REMEMBER THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED THIS FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND HAD DONE SO IN RESPONSE TO WHAT HE HOPED WOULD BE OUR WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSALS WE ORIGINALLY NEGOTIATED. I TOLD CHONA THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS THOUGHTS TO WASHINGTON BUT STRESSED THAT I COULD GIVE HIM NO GUARANTEE THAT WE WOULD FIND THEM TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE SUPPORTING ELEMENT IN A NEGOTIATING SCENARIO. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S BASIC POSITION AND THE SUPPORTING ASSURANCES ARE DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE COURSE WE ORIGINALLY PURSUED, I SAID, AND I WAS VERY UNEASY HOW WELL THIS NEW STRUCTURE WOULD GO DOWN IN SALISBURY AND PRETORIA. I SUGGESTED TO CHONA THAT AS DIFFICULT AS IT MIGHT BE, HE SHOULD TRY TO LOOK AT THE
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PROBLEM FROM SALISBURY'S POINT OF VIEW. WHAT APPEARED TO HIM TO BE ONLY 20 PERCENT OF POWER WOULD SEEM TO BE A MUCH GREATER PERCENTAGE IN EUROPEAN EYES.

19. WE CLOSED THE MEETING BY MY DESCRIBING TO CHONA AND KAMANA MANY OF THE CONCERNS I HAD HEARD THE RHODESIANS VOICE DURING MY STAY IN GENEVA. THEY APPEARED NOT TO HAVE APPRECIATED THE DEPTH OF EUROPEAN FEELING.

20. COMMENT: THIS EDITION OF CHONA'S ANNOTATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S POSITION IS MORE DEMANDING THAN ANYTHING HE HAS DISCUSSED BEFORE. THE PRINCIPAL ALTERNATIIONS LIE IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY FORCES. WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY AND THE USE OF HARD CORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITHIN RHODESIA, CHONA'S ANNOTATION IS STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONFIRMATION. WE OUGHT TO ANTICIPATE STILL STIFFER REQUIREMENTS BEFORE OUR DIALOGUE IS OVER. IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW WE COULD CONVINCE RHODESIAN EUROPEANS THAT THEIR SECURITY WOULD BE PROTECTED UNDER THE SECURITY ARRANGMENTS CHONA HAS DESCRIBED. I WILL BE MAKING THIS POINT AGAIN TO CHONA, AS WELL AS TO MUGABE AND NKOMO'S REPRESENTATIVE, WHOM I EXPECT TO BE SEEING TOMORROW.
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